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For:

METHODS OF TREATING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND SPINAL

CORD INJURIES AND OTHER NEUROGENIC CONDITIONS USING

NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS AND

NATURALLY OCCURING CONOTOXINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2003 issued in connection with the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 29-35 for treatment of neuro-trauma with various non-steroidal anit-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs);
- II. Claims 8-16 for treatment of diffuse axonal injury with conotoxins;
- III. Claims 17-21 for treatment of diffuse axonal injury with conotoxins in concert with NSAIDs; and
- IV. Claims 22-28 for pain treatment with NSAIDs.

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Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I directed to methods for treating neuro-trauma by therapeutically administering therapeutic compositions containing various non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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